



Audubon Zoo

A Facility of Audubon Nature Institute

Guidelines for School Groups

*****Cool Zoo is not available to groups*****

Your group must have at least one chaperone per ten (10) students in order to enter the Audubon Zoo.

To insure the safety and comfort of our animals and visitors, chaperones are required to stay with their student groups and monitor and control the behavior of students at all times.

Membership cards and discount coupons are not valid with group admission.

Arrive at the Zoo's FRONT GATE GROUP ENTRANCE on time. Delays will cost your students valuable learning time and may cause unnecessary confusion. Please bring a copy of your reservation and your final count to expedite entry.

Groups may not bring any outside food, drink or chewing gum inside the Zoo. Group lunches are available with a 2-week advance registration.

All school group visitors who receive discounted school group admission rates must wear a visible identification tag. (School shirts w/logo are accepted identification).

OUR RULES (and the reasons for them...)

1) Respect the rights of visitors and animals to a pleasant and peaceful environment.

- Excessive noise or throwing things is extremely stressful for both animals and visitors.
- Tapping on exhibit glass is not allowed. It seldom causes animals to move. (Frightened animals often "freeze.")
- Chasing or otherwise interfering with free range and wild animals such as peacocks, turtles, ducks, and squirrels is **strictly prohibited**.
- Please walk - no running or chasing.

2) Visitors may not feed or tease animals with food items.

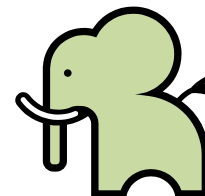
Zoo animals receive carefully considered measured diets based upon the needs of the species and individual. Unregulated feeding by visitors can result in obesity and physical and psychological problems.

3) Keep feet below the top rail and bodies behind the rails. With some animals, such as tigers, alligators and jaguars, climbing over barricades or sticking hands near the exhibits is **EXTREMELY** dangerous for visitors. Also, some animals perceive climbers as invaders of their personal space, and this can cause excessive stress and illness.

4) Put trash where it belongs. Trash is both ugly and potentially dangerous. Animals may eat it or become entangled in it. Trash may blow from the ground into an exhibit.

If the rules aren't followed: Students without adult supervision or displaying unacceptable disruptive behavior are escorted from the zoo, and the school's principal is notified of the incident.

***Thank you for helping us ensure that your visit is safe
pleasant for both you and our animals!***



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